

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-28 were pending in the application. Claims 29-36 have been added herein and claims 4-6 and 15-17 have been amended to incorporate the appropriate sequence identifiers, as set forth in the enclosed Sequence Listing. Accordingly, after the amendments presented herein have been entered, claims 1-36 will remain pending.

Support for newly added claims can be found throughout the specification and in the claims as originally filed. In particular, support for newly added claims may be found at page 12, lines 29-34; at page 13, lines 7-8; and at page 19, lines 28-31 of the specification.

*No new matter has been added.*

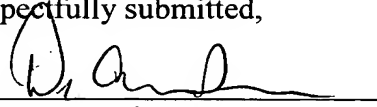
**SUMMARY**

In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issue.

Applicant believes no fee is due with this response. However, if a fee is due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 12-0080, under Order No. WSV-2597 from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

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Respectfully submitted,

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